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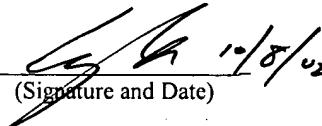
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: ROGER S. ZIMMERMAN ET AL
SERIAL NO.: 09/311,333 EXAMINER: D.D. KNEPPER
FILED: MAY 13, 1999 ART UNIT: 2654
FOR: IN-THE-FIELD ADAPTATION OF A LARGE VOCABULARY
AUTOMATIC SPEECH RECOGNIZER

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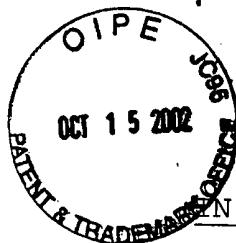
Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claim 17 and amend the following claims:

1. A method of improving the recognition accuracy of a speech recognizer, comprising the steps of:



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[] Continuation
[] Divisional
[X] CPA

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: OCT. 14, 2002
Docket No. PHA 23,960
Prior Art Unit: 2654
Prior Ex. D.D. KNEPPER

Sir:

This is a request for filing a:

[X] continued prosecution application ("CPA") under 37 CFR 1.53(d)
[] continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/311,333, filed on May 13, 1999 of Roger S. Zimmerman, Gary N. Tajchman, Ian S. Boardman, Helko W. Rahnel, and Thomas B. Schalk for In-the-Field Adaptation of a Large Vocabulary Automatic Speech Recognizer.

[] Enclosed are copies of ** sheets of specification and * drawing sheet (all of which constitutes the specification and drawing in this application) and the Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed in the parent application.

[X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line as a centered heading: --Cross Reference To Related Applications--; and insert below that as a new paragraph -- This is a [X] continuation [] divisional of application Serial No. 09/311,333, filed May 13, 1999. --

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[X] An appointment of associates is enclosed.

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[] As last amended, the title has been changed to Technology Center 2600

[] As last amended, the name of applicant(s) has changed to

[] Before calculating the filing fee, cancel in this application original claims *****.

[X] The filing fee is calculated below:

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[] Priority of application Serial No. **, filed on *** in **, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

[] The certified copy of the priority application was filed in prior application Serial No. ***.

[X] This application is assigned to Voice Control Systems, Inc. by way of the assignment filed in application Serial No. 09/311,333.

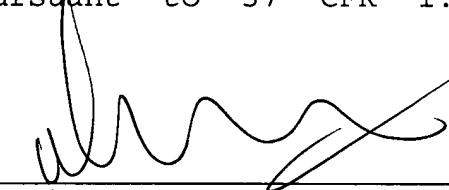
[X] Address all future communications to Corporate Patent Counsel, U.S. Philips Corporation, 580 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, New York 10591.

[X] A preliminary amendment to this application was mailed on October 8, 2002.

[X] Enter in this application the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 which was unentered in the prior application.

[X] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

[X] An Authorization Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) is enclosed.



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